18: Priklonski--82 E-5 (no date) 1891 Yakut
116, 753, 756, 761, 774, 776

The shaman's endeavor is not always successful. He may not succeed in finding out the identity of the spirit who causes the illness, or once that he has managed to, he may not be able to locate him at a given moment, or, at last, the negotiations may have failed to bring about persuasion of the frightful, cruel demon, to appease him, to change his ire into indulgence. Unconditionally helpless is the shaman with pestilence and epidemics (džan). The demon will not cease grasping the soul (kut) of the patient as a prey, takes possession of it, severs it from the body, and flees away with it. The patient's body remains unmoved and stops breathing, and unless the dreadful demon is propitiated before long, the soul will fail to come back to its former abode, the bodily frame will cool down and be subject to decomposition.

18: Priklonski--82 [2] E-5 (no date) 1891 Yakut
116, 513, 761, 774

Sleep is the image of death. When the body is asleep, the soul has left him without, however, withdrawing too far. The same state may take place in cases of fainting fits, fever, and other diseases in which a man loses his conscience.